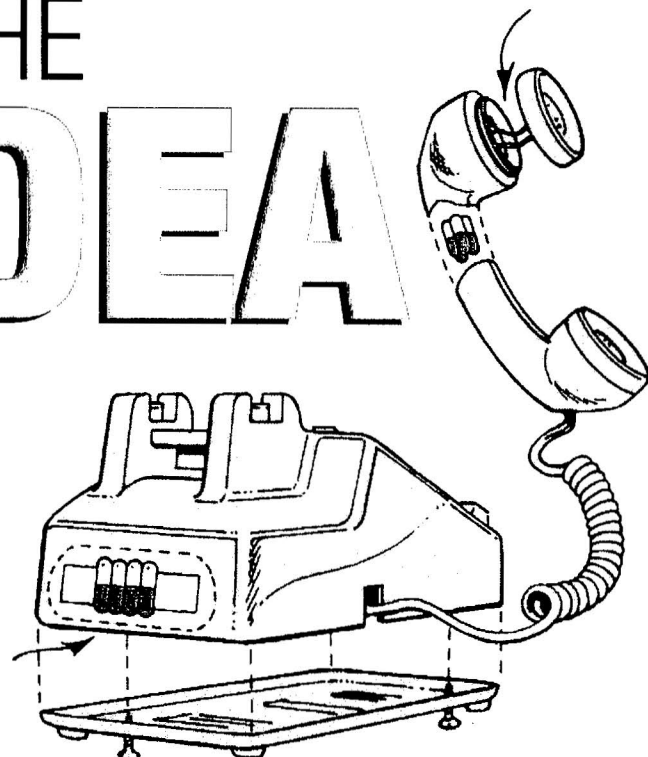


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### WARNING

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This is the actual list used in seminars conducted to train narcotics officers in search and seizure of drugs and contraband items. These seminars instruct many military, state, local, and foreign narcotics officers. The places listed here are not checked in every search, nor are these the only places searched.

Now you have the information that will help you either find someone else's stash or put your own where no one, not even many highly trained law-enforcement officers, will be able to find it!

We've all wondered from time to time, "Where would be a good, safe place to put my extra cash, my trusty firearm, or a valuable painting where no one will ever find it but me?" Wonder no longer. This list, used wisely, will put that valuable item beyond the reach of

any save yourself.

The purpose of this list is to provide an insight into the mind of the searcher and to show the futility of hiding contraband under the socks in your dresser drawer. You *know* that putting cash in a vase on the dining room table or under the mattress of your bed is just plain crazy, and that hiding it under your pillow is not very wise either -- but where is a good place?

Consider the locations in your house that would most likely elude searching officers, K-9s, or criminals. From abandoned plumbing, under floor drains, and within tea bags to above acoustical tiles, behind wall and ceiling light fixtures, and inside shower nozzle heads.

Your car, motorcycle, and even your own body contain hundreds of unlikely hiding places, from the tiny spaces in jewelry, to the somewhat larger and much more private bodily cavities.

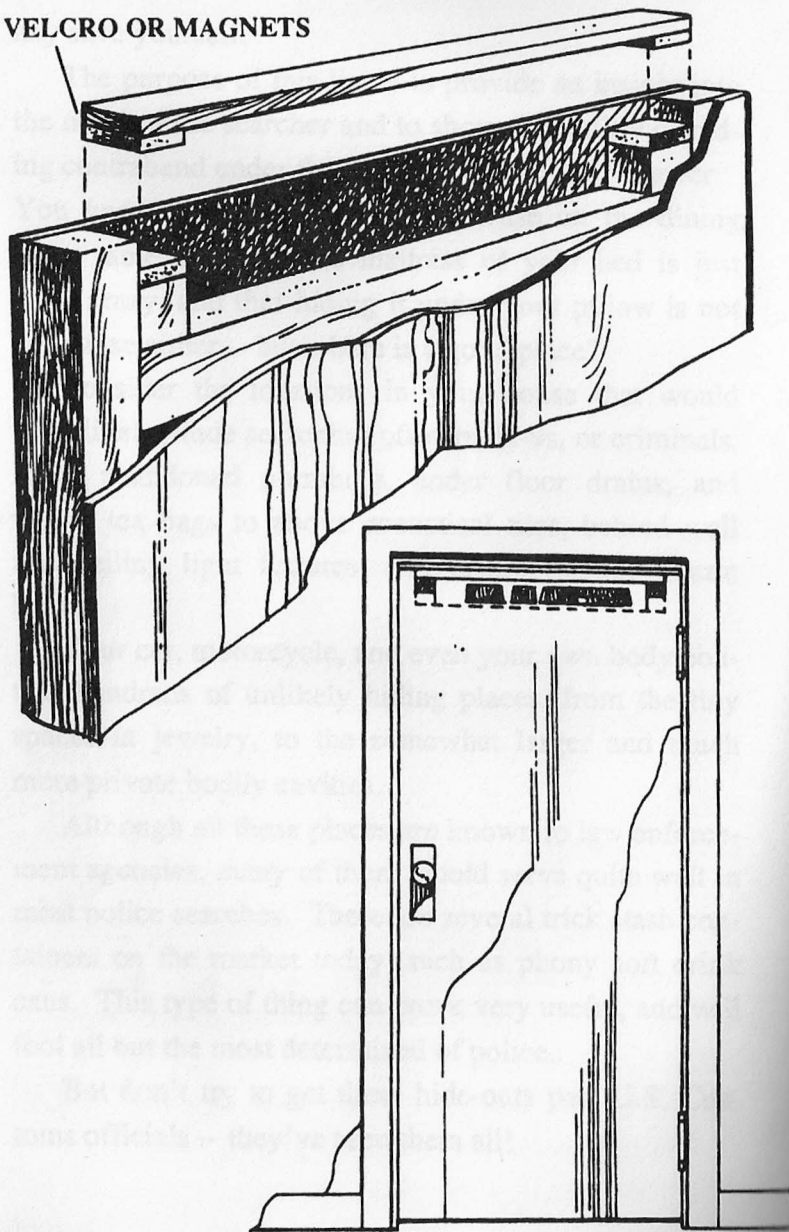
Although all these places are known to law enforcement agencies, many of them would serve quite well in most police searches. There are several trick stash containers on the market today, such as phony soft drink cans. This type of thing can prove very useful, and will fool all but the most determined of police.

But don't try to get these hide-outs past U.S. Customs officials -- they've seen them all!



## INSIDE HOLLOW DOORS (REMOVABLE TOPS)

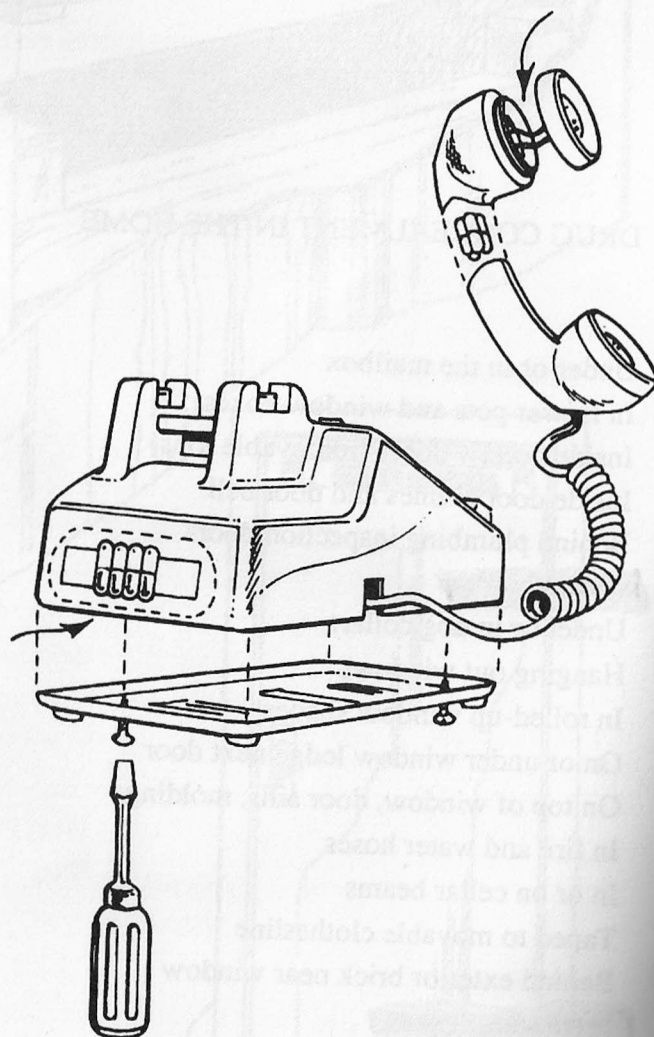
VELCRO OR MAGNETS



## DRUG CONCEALMENT IN THE HOME

- Under or in the mailbox
- In flower pots and window boxes
- Inside hollow doors (removable tops)
- Inside door chimes and door bell
- Behind plumbing inspection doors
- In doorknobs
- Under or in dog collars
- Hanging out windows
- In rolled-up window shades
- On or under window ledge next door
- On top of window, door sills, moldings
- In fire and water hoses
- In or on cellar beams
- Taped to movable clothesline
- Behind exterior brick near window
- Inside fuse boxes
- In conduit from fuse box
- Inside fire alarm bell
- In dog houses

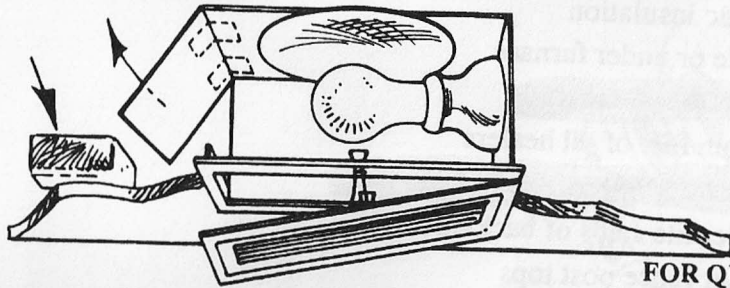
## IN TELEPHONE BASE AND HANDLE



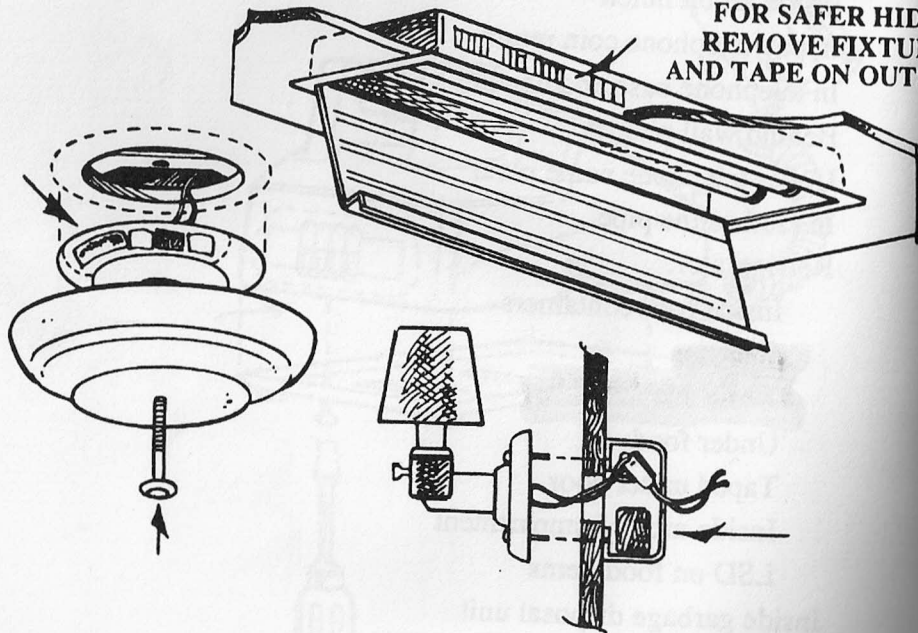
- In rain gutters and drain spouts
- Inside abandoned plumbing
- In attic insulation
- Inside or under furnace
- In hollowed-out tree
- Within fuel of oil heaters
- Under lip ring of plastic trash cans
- Under tile steps of backyard
- Under fence post tops
- Inside rabbit hutch
- In pay telephone coin return
- In telephone base and handle
- Behind wall phones
- Under telephone name plate
- In clothesline pipe
- Refrigerator:
  - Inside fruit containers
  - In eggs
  - Inside mayonnaise
  - Under food
  - Taped under door
  - Inside motor compartment
  - LSD on food items
- Inside garbage disposal unit
- Behind electric baseboard heaters
- Inside string mop
- Under ironing board cover
- On bottom of dog food bag
- Bottom half of double boiler

## BEHIND WALL AND CEILING LIGHT FIXTURES

FALSE SIDE WITH  
TAPED HINGES



FOR QUICK HIDE,  
TAPE INSIDE FIXTURE  
FOR SAFER HIDE,  
REMOVE FIXTURE  
AND TAPE ON OUTSIDE



In ironing board legs

Under toaster tray

Inside plastic rolling pin

Inside knife handles

In clock

In hot-air ducts

In stove pipes

In garbage bags

In bromo seltzer, cough syrup, prescription drug bottles

In baked bread, cookies, brownies, and candy bars

Built inside room dividers

Behind kick plates of sink cabinets

In stove insulation, exhausts, and drip pans

Within tea bags

Above acoustic tile ceilings

Inside tinfoil tube

Inside paper towel tube

In salt and pepper shakers

In waxed-paper dispensers

In spice jars

In all kitchen canisters and containers

In hollowed fruits and vegetables

In or on chandelier

Within agitator of clothes washer

On, behind, or above Venetian blinds

In fluorescent light tubes

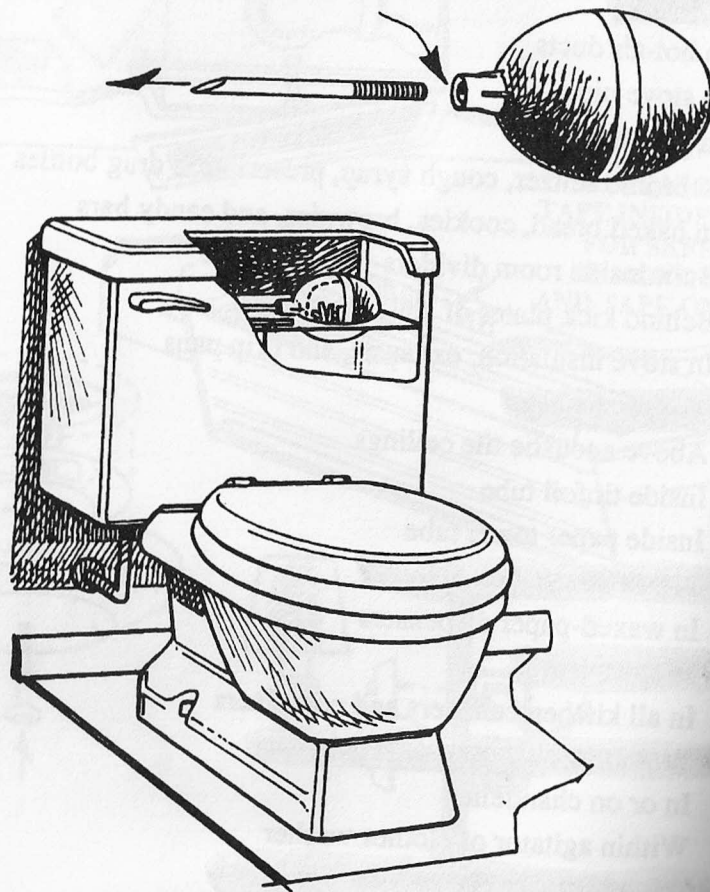
Behind wall and ceiling light fixtures

Inside light housing

Behind light switches



## INSIDE TOILET BOWL FLOAT



Behind light switches

Inside or behind electric sockets

In removable air-conditioning registers

In range hood and filter

Inside deep well fryers

Behind baseboards

Inside flashlights

Inside douche bags

Within sanitary napkins and in box

In razor blade dispenser

In hollowed-out flashlight batteries

Inside talcum powder, cold cream, and Vaseline containers

In electric toothbrush holder

In toothpaste tubes

In clothes hamper

Hung behind curtains

Inside false ceilings and chimneys

In or behind sink traps

In bases of lamps

Under washbowl, sink, or tub

At bottom of pet litter box

Inside hollow curtain rods, shower curtain rods, and within closet rods

Under false bottom on radiator covers

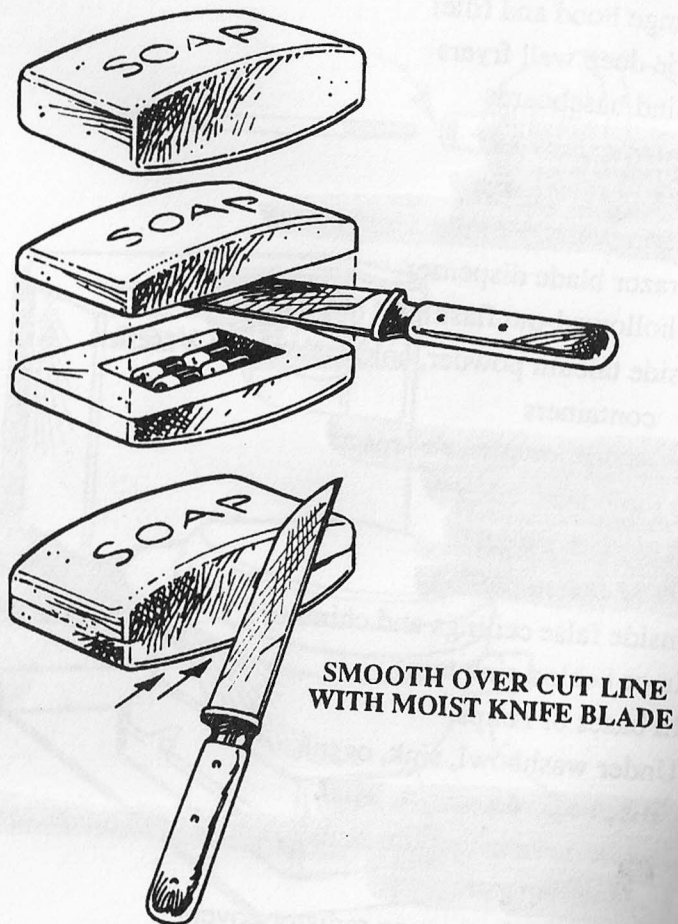
Inside toilet tanks

Inside toilet bowl float

Taped to top of toilet bowl

Within false aerosol cans

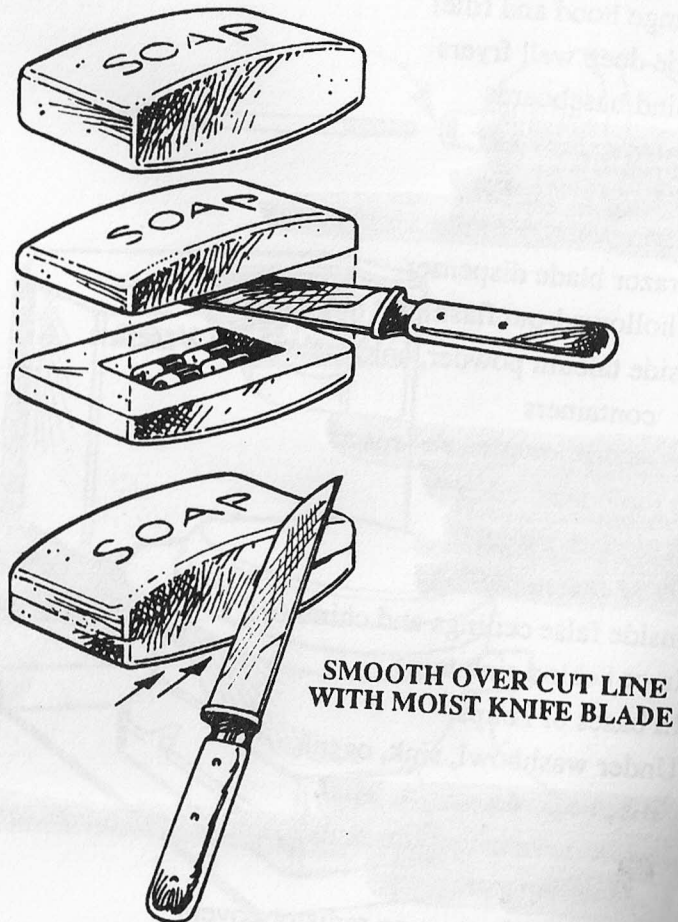
## WITHIN HOLLOW SOAP BARS



- In Band-aids and Band-aid boxes
- Inside stick deodorant containers
- Within hollow soap bars
- Under panel or parquet floors
- Inside toilet paper roll
- In clothes-pin bag
- Inside hollow handle of toilet bowl brush
- In after shave, cologne, or cosmetic bottles
- Behind and inside medicine cabinets
- Inside shaving brush handles
- In hair dryer
- In shower nozzle head
- In razor blade disposal box
- In or behind legs of old-style bath tub
- Closet clothing:
  - In waistbands
  - In pens
  - In sleeves
  - In hatbands
  - In shoes
  - In gloves
- Behind picture frames, posters, and mirrors
- In mattresses and box spring frames
- Inside pillows
- Under carpets
- In seams of field cots and hollow cap of cot legs
- Inside hassocks
- Inside and under wigs
- Behind walls

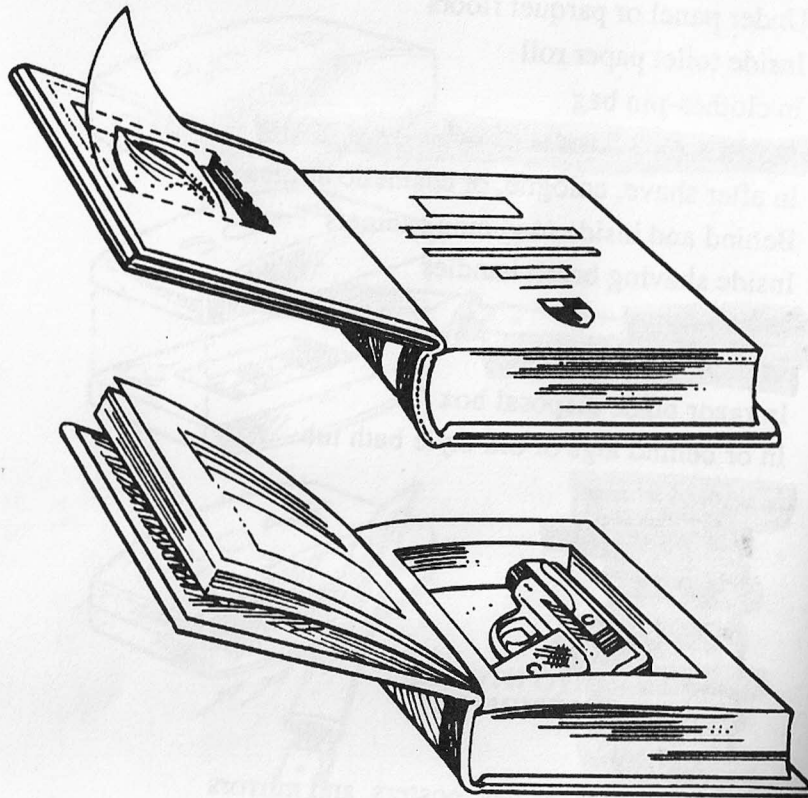


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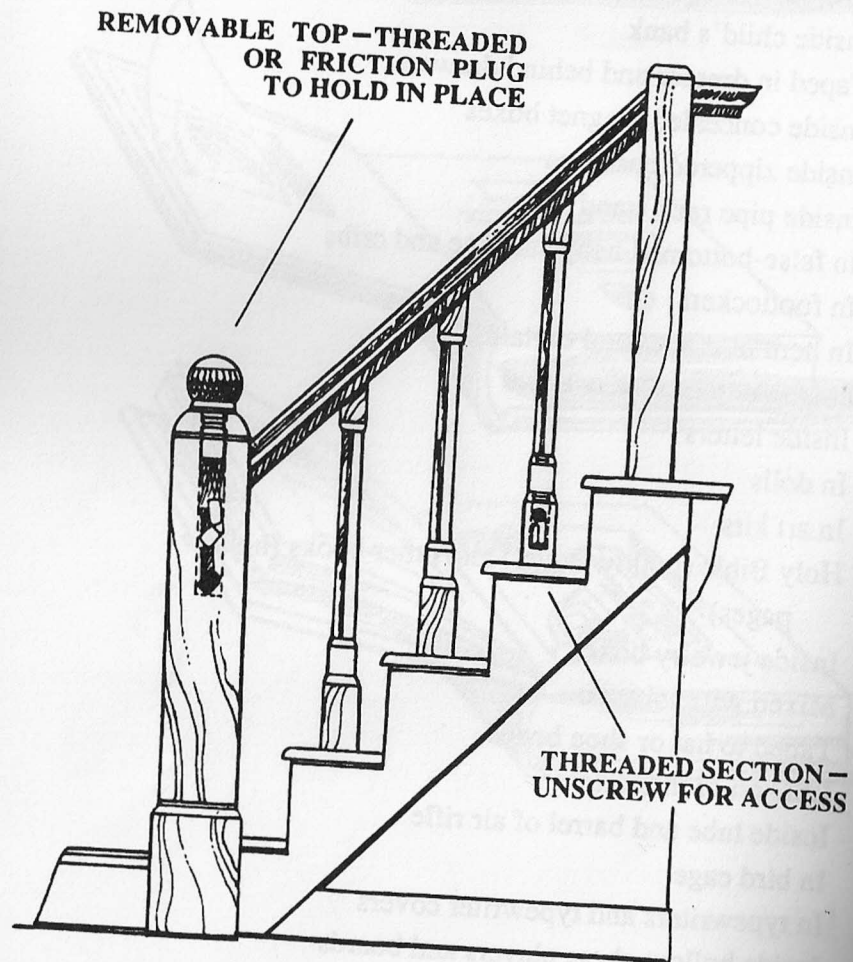
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**BIBLE (HOLLOW COVER) AND  
OTHER BOOKS (HOLLOW PAGES)**



In hollow bedposts  
In furniture upholstery  
In golf bags  
In toys, stuffed animals, and games  
Inside child's bank  
Taped in dresser and behind drawers  
Inside concealed magnet boxes  
Inside zippered cushions  
Inside pipe rack stand  
In false-bottomed baby carriage and cribs  
In footlockers  
In hem of drapes and curtains  
In hidden drawers in tables  
Inside letters  
In dolls  
In art kits  
Holy Bible (hollow cover) and other books (hollow pages)  
Inside jewelry boxes  
Mixed with tobacco  
Taped to hat or shoe boxes  
LSD on or in blotter  
Inside tube and barrel of air rifle  
In bird cage  
In typewriters and typewriter covers  
Inside hollow chess players and boards  
Inside hollow canes and umbrellas  
In fireplace ash clean-out bin  
In drops on graph paper

## INSIDE STAIRWAY POSTS



Inside base of rabbit antenna

Inside TV set

Inside TV antenna

Inside altered picture tube or other components

Within hollowed-out pad of paper

In surf boards, skis and other sports equipment

Inside Christmas tree decorations

Inside handle of vacuum cleaners

Inside and behind vacuum cleaner bag

In tool box

In shoe polish container and equipment

In 35 mm film cans

Inside cameras

In record albums

In fish tanks

Inside patch trap of antique rifle

Inside rifle cartridges and shotgun shells

Behind rifle butt plates

Inside carpenter's toolbox

Inside candlestick holders

Inside ceramic and clay figurines

Inside rolled-up newspaper

Inside trophies

In floor drains

In test tubes

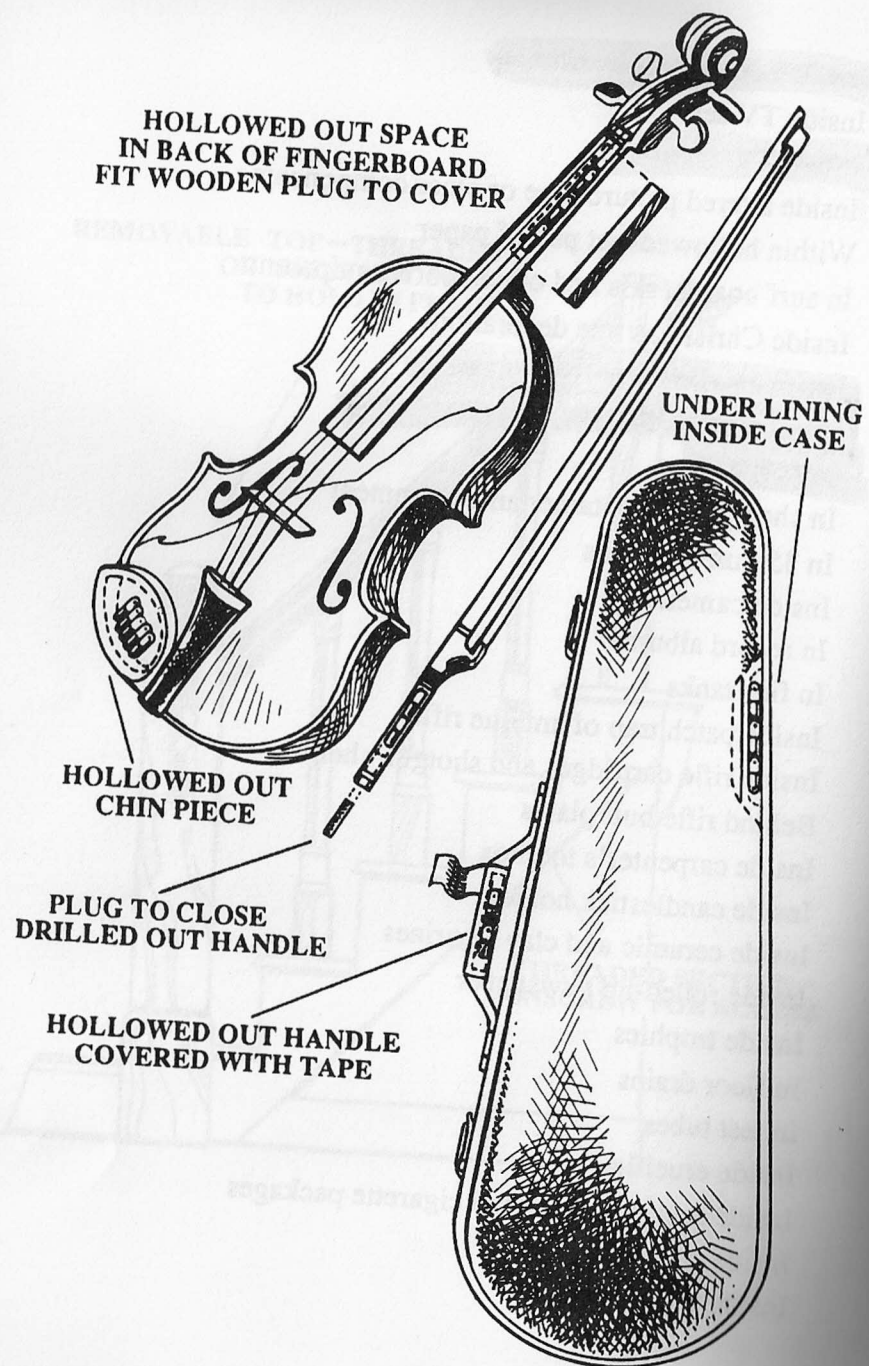
Inside crucifix

Inside sealed and opened cigarette packages

Inside stairway posts

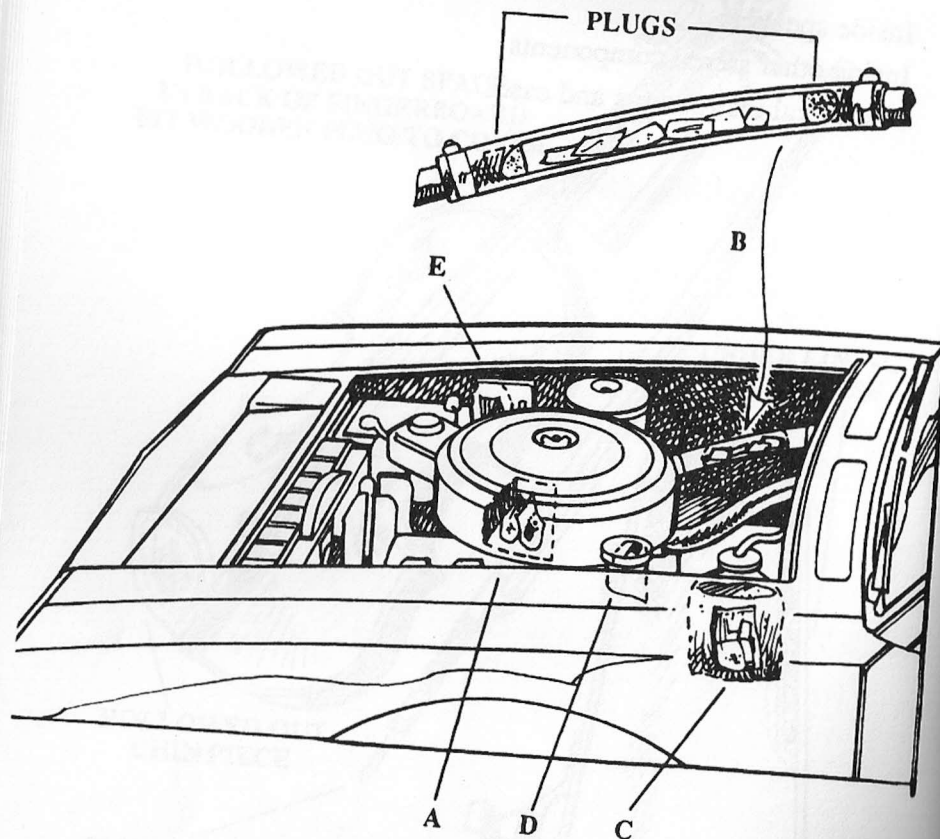
Inside transistor radio





Inside speakers  
Inside other stereo components  
In musical instruments and cases

## CONCEALMENT IN AN AUTOMOBILE:



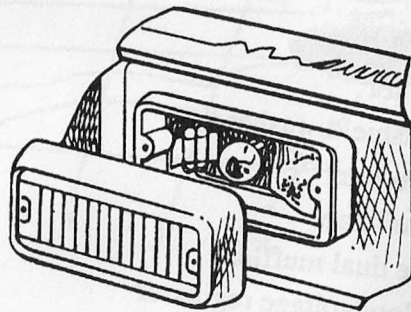
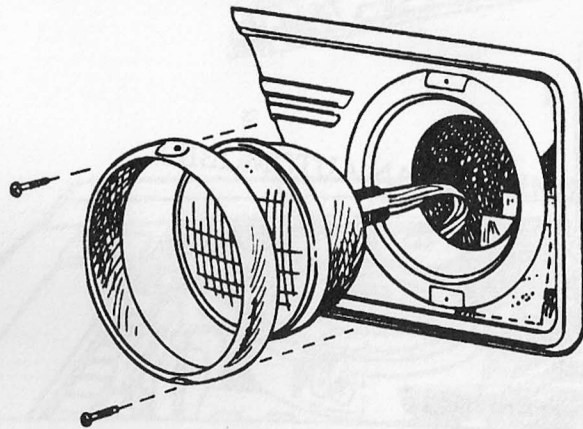
- A. IN AIR FILTER
- B. IN FALSE HEATER HOSE
- C. IN WINDSHIELD WASHER BAG
- D. INSIDE OIL CAP
- E. IN HOLLOW VOLTAGE REGULATOR

## CONCEALMENT IN AN AUTOMOBILE

- Inside horn
- In air filter
- In false heater hose
- In heater
- In false battery
- In oil filter
- In windshield washer bag
- In carburetor
- Inside oil cap
- In false dual muffler
- In hollow voltage regulator
- On top of gas tank (suspended or concealed in compartment)
- In 35 mm film cans
- Under rocker panels
- Tied to axle
- Underside of fender
- In tail pipe
- In insulation under hood

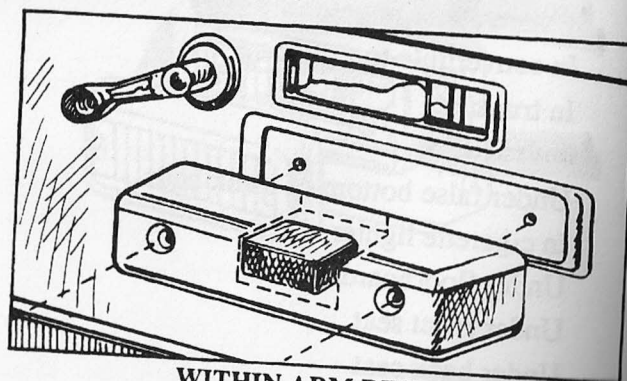
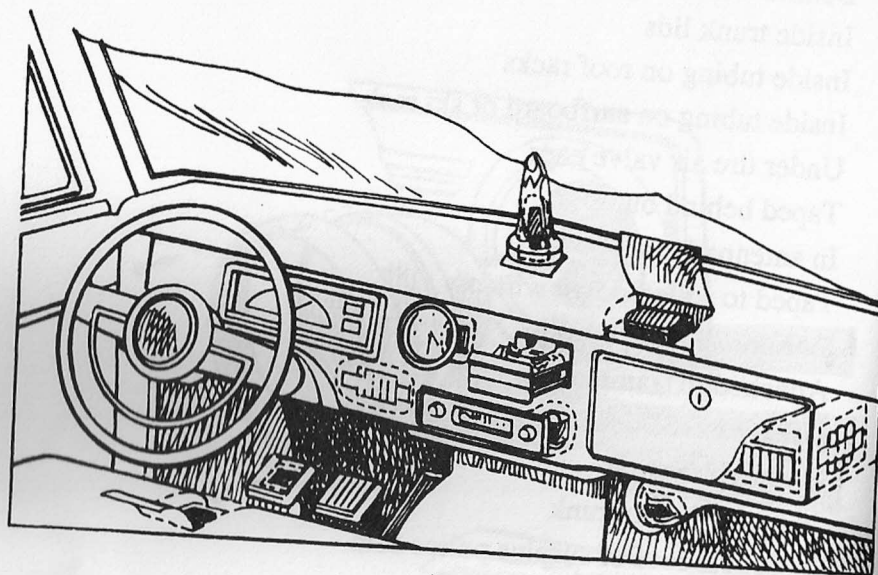


## BEHIND HEADLIGHTS AND TAILLIGHTS



Under chrome  
 Behind Volkswagen battery box  
 Inside trunk lids  
 Inside tubing on roof racks  
 Inside tubing on surfboard or ski rack  
 Under tire air valve caps  
 Taped behind bumper  
 In antenna base  
 Taped to rolled-down window  
 Behind license plates  
 Attached to frame of car  
 Behind headlights and taillights  
 Within hub caps  
 In picnic jug in trunk  
 In double roof of surplus police cars  
 Within spare tire and tire well  
 In convertible top  
 In trunk  
 In fuse box  
 Under false bottom of trunk beds  
 In cigarette lighter  
 Under floorboards  
 Under front seat  
 Under back seat  
 Within vents (air and heater)  
 In glove compartment -- top of compartment or trap  
 Within door  
 Behind radio speaker grill  
 In shift knob

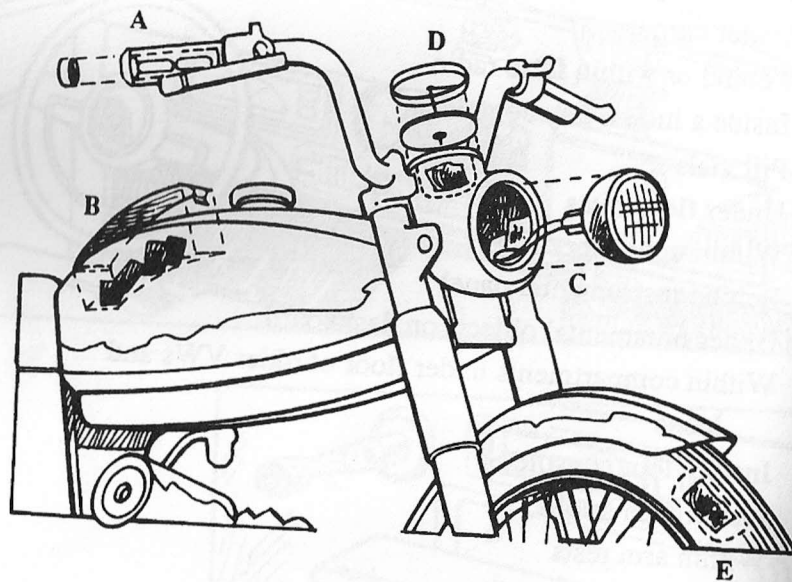
# BEHIND INSTRUMENT PANEL AND ORNAMENTAL OBJECTS ON DASHBOARD



WITHIN ARM RESTS

- In steering column
- In dome light
- In and under ashtrays
- Inside key case
- In service station travel kits
- Under brake and gas pedals
- In or behind sun visors
- Under carpet
- Behind or within false radio
- Inside a hide-a-key container
- Pill vials
- Under floor mats
- Within upholstery
- Behind instrumental panel
- Under ornamental objects on dashboard
- Within compartments under floor of older VWs and Jeeps
- Inside floor consoles
- Inside dash knobs
- Within arm rests
- Inside flashlight
- Inside toolbox
- Inside light sockets

## MOTORCYCLES:



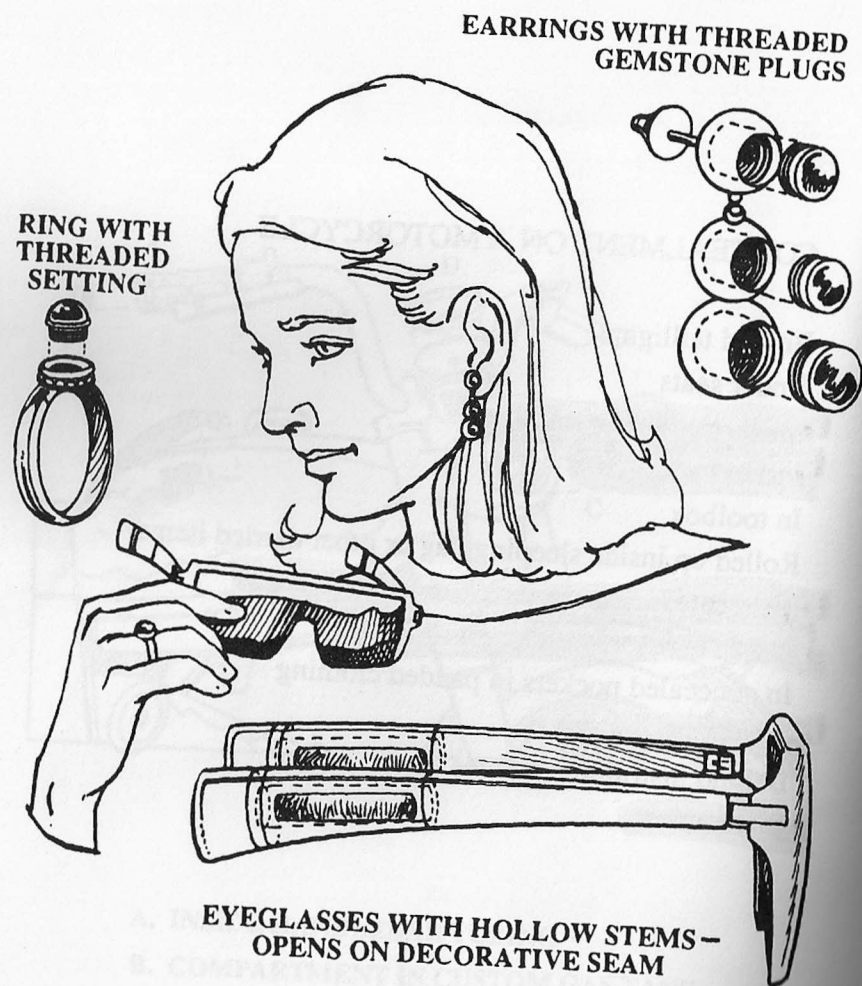
- A. INSIDE HANDLEBAR TUBING
- B. COMPARTMENT IN CUSTOM GAS TANK
- C. BEHIND HEADLIGHT
- D. BEHIND INSTRUMENT GAUGES
- E. INSIDE TIRES

## CONCEALMENT ON A MOTORCYCLE

- Behind taillights
- Under seats
- Inside handlebar tubing
- Inside battery box
- In toolbox
- Rolled up inside sleeping bag or other carried items
- Concealed compartment in custom gas tank
- Inside lining of motorcycle helmet
- In concealed pockets in padded clothing
- Behind headlight
- Behind instrument gauges
- Inside tires



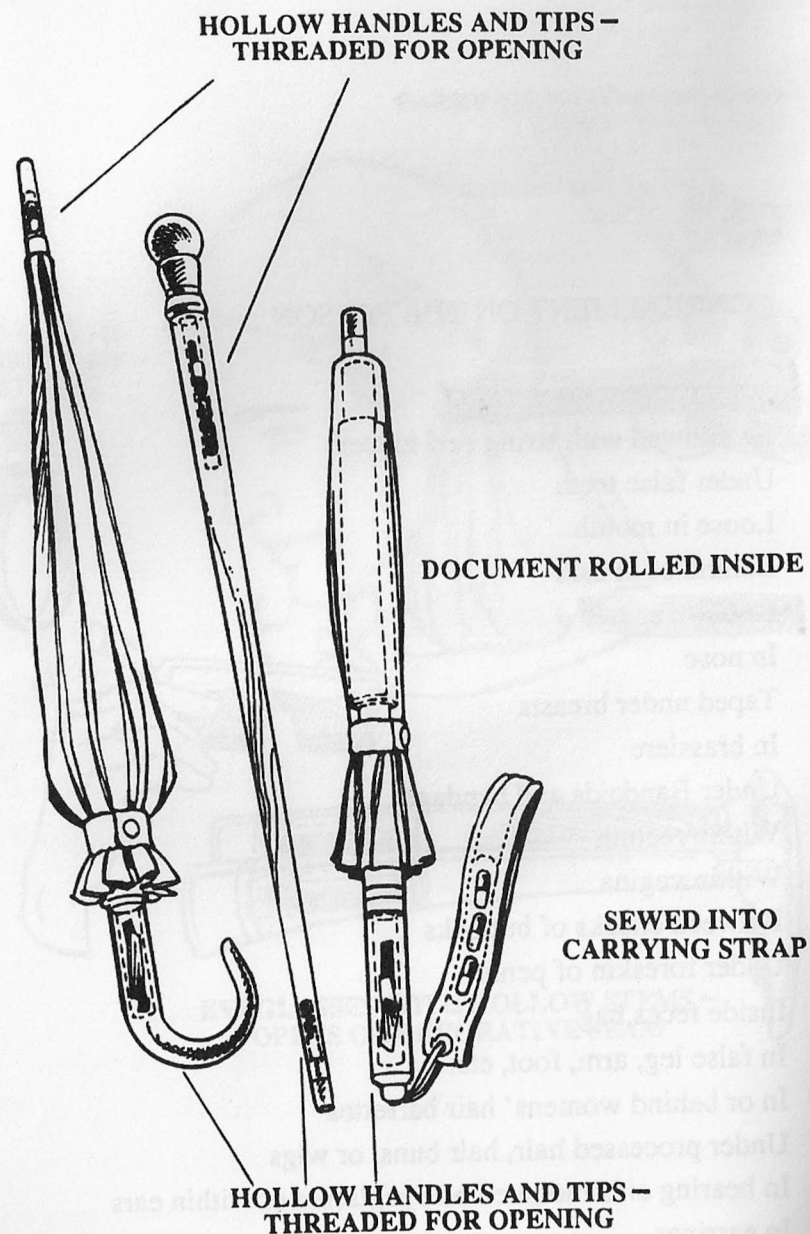
## CONCEALMENT ON PERSON



## CONCEALMENT ON THE PERSON

- Inside false caps on teeth
- Swallowed with string tied to teeth
- Under false teeth
- Loose in mouth
- Behind or in ears
- In glass eyes
- In nose
- Taped under breasts
- In brassiere
- Under Band-aids and bandages
- Within rectum
- Within vagina
- Between cheeks of buttocks
- Under foreskin of penis
- Inside feces bag
- In false leg, arm, foot, etc.
- In or behind womens' hair barrettes
- Under processed hair, hair buns, or wigs
- In hearing aids mounted on eyeglasses or within ears
- In earrings

# IN HOLLOW END OF CANE OR UMBRELLA



In rings  
 Inside neck and wrist lockets, bracelets, and charms  
 Inside ID bracelets  
 In plaster or plastic casts

Under hatbands  
 In hats  
 Under military cap insignia  
 Under lapel and shoulder patches  
 Behind campaign ribbons and uniform brass  
 Hashish in love beads

## In fountain pens

In money belts, slit or zippered  
 In tie pins, clasps, and cuff links  
 In lining of clothing

## Within false buttons

Under lapels of jacket and coats  
 Inside back of watch  
 In pockets  
 In eyeglass case  
 In corsets  
 In tie knot of tie and handkerchiefs

Jockstraps

Wallet

In hollow belt buckles  
 Inside fly flap of trousers  
 Pinned to shorts

In swimming trunks  
 In male or female girdle



**CONCEALMENT ON THE PERSON:**



- A. IN PLASTER CAST
- B. IN NON-SUPPORTING SECTION OF CRUTCH
- C. IN ARM PAD OF CRUTCH (TAPED OVER)
- D. IN HAT
- E. IN BUTTON
- F. IN CUFF

Inside cuffs and waistbands  
In socks and shoes  
In baby's diapers  
In lipstick tube  
In tobacco tins and pouches  
In cigarette package  
In cigarette lighters  
Inside hollowed-out crutches  
In hollow end of cane or umbrella  
Inside feces bag  
In Thermos jug cavity or lining  
In canteens  
In addressed envelopes  
Within liners of luggage

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